

**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH,  
HAWKHURST**

**FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION  
SERVICE  
4.9.2022**

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY**

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**ZOOM DETAILS:**

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

The Sidespeople today are:

**Norma Cox and Diana Ringer**

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**WELCOME**

*The Vicar welcomes the  
congregation*

**HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is  
your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his  
temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things  
so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings,  
and so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is  
needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will  
prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty  
can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is  
in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come  
now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his  
people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

Jesus Christ, risen master and  
triumphant Lord, we come to you  
in sorrow for our sins, and confess  
to you our weakness and unbelief.  
We have lived by our own  
strength, and not by the power of  
your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our  
own eyes, as faithless and not  
believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the Father forgive us by the death and resurrection of his Son, and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.  
**Amen**

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

We pray together:

**God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

### **THE GOSPEL READING read by MARY TANNER**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter fourteen beginning at the twenty fifth verse

### **Glory to you O Lord**

Great crowds were travelling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its

completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

### **HYMN**

Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord,

Is shining all around  
Be still for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

## **REFLECTION**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** **LED BY ALI JONES**

Everlasting God, as you look down on our church family here assembled we thank you for this place in which we worship together. Thank you for the love that unites us, for the peace we enjoy today and for the hopes we have for tomorrow. We thank you too for the health we enjoy, for the work that keeps us cheerfully occupied, for the food that sustains us, for the beauty around us that make our lives delightful and for our friends in every corner of the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord we ask you guide your Church especially when differences amongst us seem to threaten our very existence. We face each other, but often do not see the face. We too easily make 'an other' of one another. Help us now to look again, to see Jesus in

the face and to recognise hopes, aspirations and desires.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God in this uncertain time politically for the British nation, as a change of Prime Minister and the tensions in Parliament dominate the headlines, we pray for the New Prime Minister and Party Leaders as they negotiate the political and economic future of the nation. We pray for those who represent their communities in Parliament; for the media as they interpret events, and for ourselves and our future.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, help us to recognise the people in our lives who need someone to stand up for them. Forgive us for thinking that it's "not our problem" and help us always to love our family friends and neighbours as ourselves, especially praying for those who does not carry the cross and follow Jesus as a disciple.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, sometimes life seems out of control, and we don't know exactly which direction to take, especially when we are, or someone we know is, ill. Thank you for overseeing our lives and prompting us in the right way through your word and your spirit.

We raise before you now those on our hearts and those causing us concern.

We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Cressida Jervis-Read

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, remember, the souls of your servants fallen asleep and for those who are saddened by their passing. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives for evermore. We pray for those recently departed, the newly presented servants of God: Eunice Botha, Michael Waghorn, Hilary Spielman

and for those whose years' mind occur at this time: Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Bridgland, Jamie Hiscock, Carolyn Horner, Pat Hodges, Ivy Fawcett, Michael Kilby, Iris Weeks, Peggy Richardson, Geoffrey Pynegar, Michael Wright, George Maskell, Olive Boulton, Michael Brown, Richard Thompson, James Little.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we praise you for all you have done in the past; we look forward with thankfulness for all

you will do in the future, and we thank you for today and all your blessings we experience.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear these prayers we offer you in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit work within us and among us to bring your kingdom values into this world. Let your will be done so that all people may live only for your praise and glory

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Almighty God, we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bound

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE**

*We stand to sing*

Shalom, Shalom,  
May peace be with you,  
Throughout your days;  
In all that you do,  
May peace be with you,  
Shalom, Shalom.

*(Repeat)*

### **HYMN**

*A collection will be made during the singing of this hymn*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise**

**Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?**

We give thanks for all that God has done for us.  
God the Father created the heavens, the earth and everything in them; and created us in his own image.

**Let us give thanks and praise**

Christ our Lord became human like us, and died to save us.

**Let us give thanks and praise**

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us together as the people of God  
**Let us give thanks and praise**

So come let us join together to worship this God who loves  
*We sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit*

We praise you Father that before Jesus our Saviour suffered and died, he gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he comes again.

### **Why do we eat bread together at this table?**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

### **Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?**

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying. "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

### **What do we remember at this table?**

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*We sing:*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made

one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As Christ has taught us so pray  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy  
kingdom come; thy will be  
done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us, and lead us  
not into temptation; but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the  
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **A Prayer for those joining us on Zoom who are making their Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above `all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

We break this Bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one Bread**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

### **The Distribution of Communion**

*Updated C of E guidance states that Holy Communion should now be offered in both kinds, unless there are clear and objective reasons not to do so. It has been decided to offer Holy Communion in both kinds and to advise those who do not wish to receive the wine to indicate this by raising their hand when offered it.*

**The chalice bearers today are:  
Mike Appelbe and Andrea Higgins**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey  
through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER.**

**God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **THE BLESSING**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing ...**Amen.**

### **Banns**

### **Notices**

## **HYMN**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

May the divine assistance remain with us always.

**And with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **And rise in glory. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### **SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**RIDE AND STRIDE** organized by The Friends of Kent Churches. We are looking for participants and sponsors. Please see Felicity for sponsor forms and further details if you wish to participate. The Friends of Kent Churches gave St Laurence a grant last year towards the handrail to the Church office.

### **SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER –**

**PARISH LUNCH** will be served in church cooked by the Ringer Family. A hot meal will be provided with vegan option and wine included. If you are able to offer a dessert please speak to Diana. Sign up sheet on the table at the side of the church. Adults £8, Under 12 £4, Under 5 free. Families by negotiation!

### **SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH  
SATURDAY PARISH  
BREAKFAST TALK -**

Please do come to the first of our Parish Breakfast Talks on the 24th September, at 9.30am. in the Church. The talk will be given by Bob Ash, one our parishioners.

The title of the talk will be -  
**‘Making Sense of China’**

I commend this talk to you. Please invite your friends. There will be a sign up sheet for catering purposes.

**Here is a brief Biosketch of our speaker: ROBERT ASH**

*Until his retirement in July 2020 Bob Ash was Professor of Economics with reference to China and Taiwan at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. He is now Professor Emeritus at SOAS. From 1986 to 1995 he was Head of the Contemporary China Institute at SOAS; and during 1997-2001 he was Director of the EU-China Academic Network.*

*From 1999 to 2013 Bob was Founder-Director of the SOAS Taiwan Studies Programme. In 2012 he received the Freedom Medal of Diplomacy from the Government of the Republic of China on Taiwan in recognition of his achievements in promoting*

*Taiwan Studies in the UK and elsewhere in Europe.*

*Bob has held visiting research and teaching positions at universities in Australia, Hong Kong, France and Italy. He has been researching China for more than 40 years and has published widely on development issues relating to China, as well as Taiwan and Hong Kong. From the 1970s until the 2010s he was a frequent traveller to China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, and made conference and research visits to the USA, Australia, Japan, South Korea and many European countries. He has been a consultant on China for international banks and multinationals, and has undertaken work for the European Commission and the International Labour Organisation. He has also given evidence to the House of Lords European Union Committee on relations between the EU and China.*

**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER –**  
Harvest Supper and Quiz night

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER –**  
Harvest Festival

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER –**  
Concert by The Bodiam Concert  
Band